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Pueblo of Laguna  
Legal Assistant

April 24, 1985

Mr. Ron Solimon  
Legal Assistant  
P.O. Box 194  
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Re: Technical Assistance Contract  
Jackpile-Paguate Project  
April 23, Meeting Summary  
Calculation of Volumes

Dear Ron:

A meeting was held on April 23, 1985, between the Anaconda Minerals Company, (AMC), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and representatives of the Pueblo of Laguna to discuss the discrepancies in the volume calculations for the Jackpile-Paguate reclamation alternatives. Attached is a list of the attendees.

The purpose of the meeting was for AMC to present details concerning their volume calculations and the manner in which the volumes were calculated. However, Anaconda was only prepared to provide the volumes that they had provided in 1984, and were able to speak only in general terms on how their volumes were calculated. Therefore little progress was made at this meeting on the resolution of the volume discrepancies.

We were able to discover the primary difference between BLM's and AMC's volumes for the protore. BLM, as expected, had chosen the 1952 site topography for the bottom of the protore piles and therefore did not account for changes in the topography between 1952 and the time that the protore was placed. AMC, on the other hand, did not account for contaminated soils and fill under the protore piles. Therefore the final protore volumes will be a little higher than AMC volumes, but considerably lower than BLM's volumes.

The resolution of the differences in the waste dump sloping volumes will not be as easy to resolve.

The next meeting on the volumes is tentatively scheduled for May 7, at 9:00 a.m. at the Rio Puerco Resource Area Office. I had requested an earlier date for the meeting, but AMC refused. Both BLM and AMC are to bring detailed volume calculations to this meeting and be ready to discuss the procedures used to calculate these volumes.

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AMC has not been able to provide detailed volume data, have not calculated many of the smaller volumes, have not been able to provide detailed information concerning the procedures used to calculate certain volumes, and are requesting two weeks before our next meeting. I therefore believe that they have not performed a detailed volume analysis of their plan and are rapidly trying to complete these calculations now. AMC's previous settlement offer was therefore not based on a complete and accurate cost assessment.

I was disturbed that both AMC and BLM dismissed, as insignificant, several important volume calculations including the volume of contaminated soils, select fill in drainage structures and excess soil needs for spillage and average. These three volumes alone would require \$1.5 million during reclamation. I am concerned that BLM and AMC will ignore these and other "minor" volumes which will have a significant affect on the overall costs. I assure you that Jacobs will include these volumes in our cost analysis and will continue to pressure AMC and BLM to including them in their cost analysis.

Although these meetings are technical in nature, I believe that it would be very usefull for you to attend these meetings so that the Pueblo is fully aware of the status of these discussions. You would then be able to brief the Governor and the Tribal Council on a weekly basis.

As always, if we can assist you in any other way, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,  
JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC.

  
Marc E. Nelson,  
Project Manager

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